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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John M. MARYNOWSKI et al.) Confirmation No.: 8771
Application No.: 09/618,222) Group Art Unit: 3624
Filed: July 18, 2000) Examiner: Daniel S. Felten
For: AN AUTOMATED TRADING SYSTEM)
IN AN ELECTRONIC TRADING)
EXCHANGE)

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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Further to our written Status Inquiry filed on February 24, 2005, for which there has been no response from the Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants hereby again request notification of the status of the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants and their undersigned representative met with Examiners Kazimi and Felten on June 23, 2004, regarding application 09/417,774. During the meeting, Applicants advised the Examiners that a Notice of Appeal had been filed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 28, 2004, in the present application and that Applicants were preparing an Appeal Brief for filing. The Examiners indicated that the present application was re-assigned

from Examiner Akers and requested that Applicants not file the Appeal Brief until they had the chance to review the application file.

Almost 11 months have now passed since the Examiner agreed to withdraw the rejection and Applicants have yet to receive a new Office Action. The present application has been pending for almost 5 years. It is respectfully requested that Applicants be advised of the current status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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